

## Work on I-15 may go farther south

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SPRINGVILLE — City leaders are hopeful that an I-15 reconstruction project from American Fork to south Provo will extend past Springville and possibly reach Spanish Fork.

Work is set to begin in the spring on the section of I-15 between American Fork and Provo, I-15 Core project manager Dal Hawks told the Springville City Council on Tuesday. The flattening of asphalt prices could make extending the project farther south possible, Hawks said.

The \$1.7 billion expansion will add two lanes to I-15 in each direction between American Fork and Provo and continue the carpool lane from Orem to Provo. It also includes replacing 40-year-old bridges and redesigning some interchanges.

Three design-build teams are competing for the contract, with bids due by November. The Utah Department of Transportation expects to pick the contractor for the job by the end of the year.

Meanwhile, late-night repaving continues between Provo and Spanish Fork. The Springville interchange and reconstruction of 400 South from I-15 to Main Street is expected to be complete by Nov. 20, city manager Trot Fitzgerald said.

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